17th March 1959]

Natural gas

* 841 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Geological Survey of India has investigated the utilisation of the natural gas occurring at Neyappathur in Sirkali taluk, Tanjore district; and

(*b*) if so, the results thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) The investigation is done by the State Geological Section of this Government and not by the Geological Survey of India.

(*b*) Equipments for collection of the gas and finding its utilization are being fabricated and the work will be taken up as soon as they are ready.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: ஏற்கெனவே, இரண்டு மூன்று வருஷங்களுக்கு முன் கண்டுபிடிக்கப்பட்டும், இதுவரை காலதாமதம் ஏன்? பரிசீலனையினால் ஏற்பட்ட விசேஷ அம்சங்கள் என்னென்ன?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: இங்கே எரியக்கூடிய காஸ் இருப்பதாக கண்டுபிடித்திருக்கிறார்கள். எரிபொருளை, கன்டெயினரில் கலெக்ட் பண்ணவேண்டும். இல்லாவிட்டால், the whole thing will be burnt out. அதைக் கன்டெயினரில் கலெக்ட்டு பண்ண பரிசீலனை செய்யவேண்டிய உபகரணங்கள் தயாராக இருக்கின்றன. இதன் பிறகு, மேற்கொண்டு பரிசீலனை செய்யப்படும்.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN: May I know whether this is liquid gas or non-liquid gas?

MR. SPEAKER: It is gas. (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Probably the hon. Member is thinking of liquified gas. But it is only gas. (Laughter.)

SRI S. LAZAR: May I know the chemical components of the gas and the purposes for which they are made use of?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: All that will have to await further investigation.

Awards of Industrial Tribunals

* 842 *Q*.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR): Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases in the last two years where employers did not implement the awards of Industrial Tribunals; and

(*b*) the steps taken in general in such cases?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) Complaints were received by the Government regarding non-implementation of 17 awards in the year 1957 and 28 awards in 1928.

(*b*) Generally when cases of non-implementation of awards are received, the managements concerned are asked to implement the award on pain of prosecution and if they still fail to implement them, prosecutions are launched against them under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.